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SUBJ: TV INTERVIEW OF SENJA ON WARSAW PACT PLANS FOR INVASION
OF AUSTRIA

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES GUIDANCE PROVIDED REF (A).

2. AUSTRIAN RADIO/TV CARRIED 25-MINUTE PROGRAM EVENING FEBRUARY
20 OF INTERVIEWS OF SENJA (REPORTEDLY DONE IN DECEMBER 1973 IN US)
AND AUSTRIAN DEFENSE MINISTER LUETGENDORF ON WARSAW PACT PLANS
FOR INVASION OF AUSTRIA. SENJA DESCRIBED THREE SCENARIOS (FULL
INVASION, PARTIAL INVASION TO SUPPORT PRO-SOVIET ELEMENTS IN
YUGOSLAVIA, AND SUPPORT OF SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS IN AUSTRIA TO GEN-
ERATE DISORDER AND ARMED CLASHES) WHICH WARSAW PACT HAD READY IN
1968 AND WHICH PROBABLY WERE STILL APPLICABLE. SENJA, OBVIOUSLY
WELL BRIEFED, RESPONDED TO INTERVIEWER'S QUESTIONS IN ARTICULATE
PROFESSIONAL MANNER. LUETGENDORF, WHO WAS ASKED TO COMMENT ON
SENJA'S REMARKS, FIELDDED STRICTLY MILITARY-TECHNICAL QUESTIONS
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WELL BUT HAD SOME DIFFICULTY RESPONDING IN CONVINCING FASION TO

THOSE OF MORE POLITICAL NATURE RELATING TO WHAT GOOD NUMBER OF AUSTRIANS FEEL TO BE LESS THAN SATISFACTORY EFFORT OF AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT IN ITS DEFENSE POLICY. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, LUETGENDORF SPECULATED THAT TIMING OF SENJA INTERVIEW SOMEHOW (NOT FURTHER EXPLAINED) RELATED TO MBFR TALKS.

3. FULL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF INTERVIEWS, INCLUDING AUDIO-VIDEO RECORDING OF PROGRAM, BEING FORWARDED WASHINGTON BY FBIS.HUMES

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